Book 4

Psalms 90-106 Text: Psalm 99

¹The LORD reigns; Let the peoples tremble! He dwells *between* the cherubim; Let the earth be moved!

² The LORD *is* great in Zion, And He *is* high above all the peoples.

³ Let them praise Your great and awesome name— He *is* holy.

⁴ The King's strength also loves justice; You have established equity; You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

⁵ Exalt the LORD our God, And worship at His footstool— He *is* holy.

⁶ Moses and Aaron were among His priests, And Samuel was among those who called upon His name; They called upon the LORD, and He answered them.

⁷ He spoke to them in the cloudy pillar; They kept His testimonies and the ordinance He gave them.

⁸ You answered them, O LORD our God; You were to them God-Who-Forgives, Though You took vengeance on their deeds.

⁹ Exalt the LORD our God, And worship at His holy hill; For the LORD our God *is* holy.

Psalm 99:1-9

A RECURRING REFRAIN

"The LORD reigns" Psalm 98: 1 (Psalms 93:1; 97:1)

THE DWELLING PLACE OF GOD

1. He dwells between the cherubim

The LORD reigns; Let the peoples tremble! He dwells between the cherubim; Let the earth be moved! Psalm 99:1

- a) He is surrounded by mighty angels in Heaven
- b) This is also a reference to the Ark of the LORD
- c) The cherubim bow before the LORD

2. His Presence in Zion

² The LORD is great in Zion, And He is high above all the peoples.

⁴The King's strength also loves justice; You have established equity; You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Psalm 99:2

- a) His Presence is great
- b) He is high above all
- c) He is a strong King
- d) He loves justice
- e) He has established equity
- f) He has executed justice and righteousness in the land ("Jacob")

3. Appropriate Response to God

The LORD reigns;
Let the peoples tremble!
He dwells between the cherubim;
Let the earth be moved!

Psalm 99:1

- a) To tremble before God
- b) To be "moved"
- c) To offer praise to Him

4. The Holy Nature of God is given special focus

³ Let them praise Your great and awesome name— He is holy.

⁴ The King's strength also loves justice; You have established equity; You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

⁵ Exalt the LORD our God, And worship at His footstool— He is holy.

Psalm 99:3-5

- a) His awesome name is to be praised His name is "holy"
- b) He is the LORD He is holy in His being

5. Remembering special servants of God

⁶ Moses and Aaron were among His priests, And Samuel was among those who called upon His name; They called upon the LORD, and He answered them.

⁷ He spoke to them in the cloudy pillar; They kept His testimonies and the ordinance He gave them.

⁸ You answered them, O LORD our God; You were to them God-Who-Forgives, Though You took vengeance on their deeds.

- 1. Three ancient revered servants
 - a) Moses
 - b) Aaron
 - c) Samuel
- 2. What stood out in their ministry
 - a) They called upon the LORD in prayer He answered them
 - b) They kept His commandments and ordinances
 - c) They discovered the LORD as "God-who-forgives"
- 3. But they were also chastened for their deeds
 - a) This is to be expected
 - b) All human beings are flawed

6. A Call to exalt God

⁵ Exalt the LORD our God, And worship at His footstool— He is holy.

⁹ Exalt the LORD our God, And worship at His holy hill; For the LORD our God *is* holy.

Psalm 99:5, 9

- a) We are called "to exalt the LORD"
- b) This is right for God is truly Great and Glorious
- c) We are to worship
 - i) At His footstool
 - ii) At His holy hill
- d) We are to be conscious of worshipping a holy God